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1. August 1951, meeting at his villa in the Western Hills, Peiping, which was attended by CHU Te, CHOU En-lai, NIEH Jung-chen, Roschin, and three Soviet advisers. MAO Tse-tung was not present at the conference because of illness.¹
 2. During this meeting the following resolutions were passed:
 - a. The Chinese have prolonged the peace talks in Korea to prepare for a new general offensive; these preparations have been completed and a general offensive, using air, land, and naval forces is scheduled to begin during the first ten days of October.
 - b. CH'EN Keng has been appointed commander-in-chief of the volunteer forces in Indochina.²
 - c. Two hundred thousand troops of the 2 Field Army are to be transferred to CH'EN Keng's direct command.³
 - d. To launch an offensive in Indochina simultaneously with a new general offensive in Korea.
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- Comment. A Sino-Soviet conference on 2-6 August, reported and was attended by MAO Tse-tung and most of the Chinese Communist leaders mentioned in this report, as well as four Soviet advisers. Although there are similarities the subjects decided on were quite different. However, these reports may be different versions of the same rumor.
- According to press announcements Roschin was in Moscow on 26 August.

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2. [] Comment. According to [] CH'EN Kang was commander of the 4 Army Group, 2 Field Army, on 26 July. [] reported that he was selected to command front line troops supporting DRV forces, but was subordinate to LIU Po-ch'eng who was nominated supreme commander of the Chinese volunteer forces. However, [] reported that CH'EN was appointed over-all commander for aid to the DRV, and was to lead 100,000 volunteers.

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3. [] Comment. A report from [] 21 August, stated that the Chinese Communists were mobilizing 300,000 volunteers, who, after completing their training, would infiltrate into Indochina with Soviet supplies in September.

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